

SENATE RESOLUTION 72

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A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of Mr. Spruell Driver, Jr. to the Board of Trustees of the University of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-9-202, provides for the creation of the Board of Trustees of the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-202, further provides that the Governor shall appoint twenty-two members to serve on that Board; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Haslam has appointed Mr. Spruell Driver, Jr. of Nashville, Tennessee, to serve on the Board of Trustees of the University of Tennessee representing Davidson County; Mr. Driver will serve on the Board during a term that will expire on May 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of Davidson County, Mr. Driver received his Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Engineering from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville in 1987, graduating with High Honors, and obtained his Juris Doctor from Duke University School of Law in 1991; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Driver began his professional career as a corporate attorney for Eastman Chemical Company in Kingsport. After a five year tenure there he returned to Nashville and joined the law firm of Baker, Donelson, Bearman & Caldwell, P.C., then entered state government, first as an attorney for the Office of Legal Services of the Tennessee General Assembly and later as the Assistant Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts for the Tennessee Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, returning to private legal practice in 2002, Mr. Driver worked for Miller & Martin PLLC and later Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis, LLP, before opening a solo practice in February of 2011; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Driver is a member of the Nashville Bar Association, the Tennessee Bar Association, and the American Bar Association; a Fellow of the Tennessee Bar Foundation and the Nashville Bar Foundation; a member and former President of the Napier-Looby Bar Association; and former member of both the Board of Directors of the Nashville Bar Association and the Board of Trustees of the Nashville Bar Foundation; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his many professional accomplishments, Mr. Driver has been involved in many civic and community service pursuits through his membership in the Rotary Club of Nashville; and

WHEREAS, a member of the University of Tennessee Board of Trustees since October 20, 2005, Mr. Driver has rendered sterling service as a former President and member of the Board of Governors of the University of Tennessee National Alumni Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Driver's educational and professional experience are a tremendous asset to the Board of Trustees of the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-9-202, provides that all members appointed by the governor to the Board of Trustees of the University of Tennessee shall be subject to confirmation by the Senate; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that this body does hereby confirm the appointment of Spruell Driver, Jr. to the Board of Trustees of the University of Tennessee for a term to expire on May 31, 2017.